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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION TO SIGN ON FOR 3 IEA RESEARCH PROGRAMS

1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF ITS INTENTION TO SIGN THREE AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE IEA'S RESEARCH PROGRAM. THE AGREEMENTS WOULD: PERMIT THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SETTING UP A DATA BANK ON
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WORLD COAL RESERVES AND RESOURCES; PERMIT THE COMMUNITY TO

USE THE IEA INDEX ON NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH AND, THROUGH THE EC'S JOINT RESEARCH CENTER, HELP BRING IT UP TO DATE; AND PERMIT THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTENSE NUTRON SOURCE IN LOS ALAMOS.

2. ACCORDING TO AMORY, EC COMMISSION DIVISION HEAD FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, THE COMMISSION DECISION TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS WITHOUT MANDATE TO DO SO FROM THE COUNCIL PUTS THE FRENCH IN AN INTERESTING DILEMMA. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT OBJECTED TO THE COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATING IN THE R&D PROGRAM OF THE IEA AND ACCORDING TO AMORY ARE ALSO PREPARED TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE AGREEMENTS THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO SIGN. THE FRENCH HAVE TRADITIONALLY HELD, HOWEVER, THAT AGREEMENTS INVOLVING NUCLEAR MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 101 OF THE EURATOM TREATY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL. FOR THE FRENCH TO INSIST ON COUNCIL APPROVAL IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, COULD PROVE AWKWARD TO THEM. IT WOULD THEN BE HARD FOR THEM TO ARGUE VIS A VIS THE ARABS THAT THEY WERE NOT INFACIT, INDIRECTLY AT LEAST, PARTICIPATING IN THE ACITIVITIES OF THE IEA. AMORY DOES NOT KNOW HOW THE FRENCH WILL FINALLY REACT. HINTON

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